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In re Application of :
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Serial No.: 10/655,345 : PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
Filed: September 4, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No.: RACT-00200 :

This is in response to the petition filed on November 17, 2003, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d). The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

M.P.E.P. 708.02, part XI relates to petitions to make an application special for countering terrorism.

International terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2331 includes Activities that - (A) involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State, or that would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any State; [and] (B) appear to be intended - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by assassination or kidnapping... The types of technology for countering terrorism could include, but are not limited to, systems for detecting/identifying explosives, aircraft sensors/security systems, and vehicular barricades/disabling systems. Applicants who desire that an application relating to inventions for countering terrorism be made special should file a petition requesting the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to make the application special. The petition for special status should be accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism.

The application does not appear to meet the requirements of the above section. In addition, due to the delay in acting on this petition the application has already been taken up for consideration and prosecution appears to be well advanced. Therefor the petition is **DISMISSED**.

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